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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application Of:

Wayne H. Rothschild

Application No.: 09/711,970

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For: Gaming Machine With Interacting  
Symbols On Symbol Array

Atty. Docket No.: 47079-00063

Examiner: Alex P. Rada

Group Art Unit: 3714

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Attn: Box Non-Fee Amendment, Washington, D.C. 20231, on January 22, 2003.

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Attn: Box Non-Fee Amendment

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2002. The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing date, i.e., by February 4, 2003. This response is being submitted within that time period. Please enter the following claim amendments and remarks into the record for this application.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please delete the Abstract and replace with the following paragraph.

A gaming machine with a visual display shows an array of symbols that includes one or more special symbols. During the play of the gaming machine, a bonus game may be triggered by the alignment of these special symbols. This bonus triggers interplay between the special